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particular emergency if...if it arises, but I'm assured that they will not dilute, will enhance the quality of work of carrier enforcement. Let me...let me comment on the amendment while I have my light on, and if I run out of time and I'm the next one, I will give you some time. Senator Chambers, would you consider that I have been fairly workable so far with you on this bill?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, on an amendment that meant nothing, but I do believe that you are amenable to working on this bill.

SENATOR BROMM: Do you think 50 percent is a pretty good average? If you're the most vehemently opposed to this bill and I accept 50 percent of your amendments, is that pretty good or not?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I would rather wait.

SENATOR BROMM: That's a yes or no. (Laughter)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I can't answer that yes or no. (Laughter)

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. I am as opposed to this amendment as I was amenable to the first one, and the reason is that...and basically this, to a large extent, guts the workability of the bill. This takes away the ability of state troopers who are assigned to the carrier enforcement division to have the powers and ability to enforce the law as a state trooper does. That decreases the efficiency, the workability, the morale boost that I think would come for carrier enforcement division officers from this bill, and I think it...it would be not well received by carrier enforcement officers who are perfectly willing to do carrier enforcement work but want to have the ability, in the event of an emergency, to assist in other ways. It also would probably decrease the number of troopers who might like to do carrier enforcement work from...from choosing to do so. We're looking for this measure of flexibility. We're looking for the enhancement of the carrier...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.